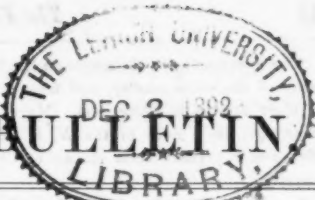


# THE FREEDMEN'S BULLETIN



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THE FREEDMEN'S BULLETIN has a regular circulation of 5000 copies, reaching every township in the Northwest. Its value as an advertising medium for legitimate trades is worthy of attention.

All communications must be addressed—"REV. J. R. SHEPHERD, Chicago, Ill.," and must be authenticated by the names and addresses of the writers.

## THE NORTHWESTERN FREEDMEN'S FAIR.

We enclose with this issue (to regular subscribers) a copy of the Circular of the Executive Committee of the Northwestern Freedmen's Fair.

The officers of all Branches, Auxiliaries, and co-operating Societies, are members of the Executive Committee, *EX-OFFICIO*, and are respectfully requested to give to the enterprise their best energies.

The Northwest held the first Great Sanitary Fair, and is now about to hold the first Great Freedmen's Fair. Shall its complete success be made sure past contingency? The Chicago members of the Committee are sparing no effort to achieve a brilliant success. If our friends in the country show in this instance the noble enthusiasm that has characterized them always hitherto, we shall be able to print a shining record in January.

The marked features of the programme are to be:

- I. The Epicurean.
- II. The Premium.
- III. The Advertising.
- IV. The Horticultural.
- V. The Mechanical.

But contributions of every sort are solicited, and will be most thankfully received. The hard winter will soon be upon the wives and children of our colored soldiers, and our holidays will be far merrier if we first remember the hundred thousand families whose 200,000 fathers, sons and brothers are in the ranks, sparing to our homes as many of our loved ones.

The Fair will open on Tuesday, December 20th, and close on Christmas Eve. All donations should be marked "NORTHWESTERN FREEDMEN'S AID COMMISSION, 86 WASHINGTON STREET, CHICAGO. For the Fair." Letters of inquiry may be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, or to Mrs. E. E. McLeish, the Secretary of the Executive Committee for the Fair. In either case they should be marked "Post Office Box 4617."

Premiums (Diplomas) will be awarded to all successful competitors, and all articles contributed may be entered for competition. The entries may be made in the name of an individual, a society, or a locality. Now, who shall take the banner?

Editors are respectfully requested to publish our circular with comments.

## TABLEAU VIVANT.

Mr. J. L. Fonda, who has a fine school at Memphis, writes:

The prettiest little incident I have noticed occurred the other day. I was passing Battery B, when one of my scholars was guarding the magazine, studying his spelling book, as I often see them; and as I approached, holding his book open in one hand, with his sabre in the other, he gave the "salute," which, of course, I returned. With the sabre, the colored soldier will crush out rebellion and slavery; with the spelling book, he will fit himself for the peace he has conquered.

## FROM THE FRONT.

CAMP IN FIELD NEAR EASTPORT, }  
GEORGIA, Sept. 13, 1864. }

REV. J. R. SHEPHERD:

Dear Sir,—Excuse a private soldier in the U. S. Volunteer Service for addressing a few lines to you touching the truly benevolent and eminently Christian work of your Commission. I had heard of the existence of such a society, but knew nothing of its *modus operandi*, or of the full scope of its intentions till my wife—who, by the way, is a zealous friend of the Freed people—sent me this week a copy of your first Annual Report.

The Freedmen are claimants on the benevolence of the *whole country*, and most powerful is their appeal to Christians. More than a year ago, in a note to the *N. W. Christian Advocate*, I pressed their claims on Christian charity.

How truthful is the declaration in your report that "this work which Christian benevolence has undertaken in behalf of the Freed people is not a work of months, but of years." Yes, long must we labor and patiently wait for the harvest we hope from our sowing, and never forget our dependence upon that Divine aid, without which no effort of ours will avail for the highest good. I heartily wish our Christian friends at home could have the real magnitude and urgency of this great and good work brought under their own observation, that they might see the demand for *immediate* and energetic action.

Please not to look too critically on the appearance of this, as I write in the open air, where smoke and dust and ashes trouble the eyes and paper of

Yours for the cause,  
A. D. CADY.

#### SOME BRAVE LITTLE FOLKS.

Miss M. E. P. Smith has a cosy school away up in Minnesota. The other day a gentleman called, and taking a fancy to the rosy faces and cherry lips of the little folks, gave them each a present of *money*. They had just been hearing about the schools among the little freed boys and girls down South, and after discussing the matter awhile, they put all the presents together and sent them to the office of the BULLETIN, to buy primers for the Freedmen's schools. The primers are already bought and sent South, and by and by the angel who writes in the Heavenly Book about such things will have a long story to tell about the presents from the Minnesota little folks, and how much good they did.

#### AFTER THE FIGHT.

One of the boys lies dead in his tent,  
All alone.

Soldier, go in, go in,  
And smooth the back his hair,  
And close the dead eyes,  
So dreamily blue,  
That are staring right through  
The night, toward the skies,  
Where his soul has gone.

Aye, and we made a desperate charge

Through the smoke,  
And the terrible roar, for the guns  
That had growled all day  
From the rebel right—

Rank after rank,  
On our wearied flank,  
Had gone down in the fight,  
When those cannons spoke.

Scorching hot, from their grinning jaws,

With a shout,  
Came the whirling shot  
And the bursting shell,  
And the air grew gray  
With the drifting smoke,  
That quivered and broke  
And heaved and fell,

When the roar burst out.

And Death rode over the battle-field,

Through the storm,  
Like the withering breath of a curse;  
And his voice rang out,  
With a shrill report,

When the rifles flashed  
And the bayonets gashed  
The quivering heart,  
And the knife struck home.

Up through the smoke and the driving shot,

And the strife,  
Ring the bugle notes sounding a charge;  
And the spurs strike deep,  
And away we plunge,

With a deaf'ning shout,  
And our swords are out,  
For the ghastly lunge  
At the foe's life.

Still are the guns, for a space, as though

Without breath;  
And our men go gallantly down,  
With unbroken ranks,  
And a shout for the "Stars."

There's a swift, bright flash  
From the guns, and a crash,  
And the red earth jars  
'Neath the thunder of death.

And many a brave boy fell when that fire

Burst out,  
Yet we hurled the foe heavily back,  
In the fierce, wild fight,  
And the victory was won;  
But the dead lay white,  
In the ghastly light,

As the sinking sun  
Looked in on the rout.

This one came from the fight with a ball

In his side;  
And he sleeps so peacefully now  
That we'll leave him to rest,  
By our camp on the hill,  
Yet never will come,  
To the loved ones at home,  
Who watch for him still,  
The Soldier who died.

## A CHEERFUL GIVER.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." Such letters as that from which we extract below are worth more than the money that comes with them, by as much as a strong and faithful heart is better than inorganic matter.

Rev. D. Kraehne, pastor of the Evangelical St. Paul's Congregation at Rock Ran, Stephenson co., Ill., writes thus:

Your agent, Rev. R. F. Markham, addressed my congregation on behalf of your great cause at a mission meeting on the 14th inst. We see that the slaves must be freed from bondage and from sin—and will be. God will do it, and we must help Him. May our dear Saviour give us a heart full of love and self-denial that we may perform such a work as the service of a good Samaritan. Our small congregation has nine distinct missionary enterprises upon its list, beside this new one. Enclosed please find \$18.00 as your portion of the mission collection.

The work must be done! May it be done under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and may faithful love alone inspire. God bless the Northwestern Freedmen's Aid Commission abundantly!

## TWO INCIDENTS.

Miss Julia A. Brown writes from Baton Rouge:

One woman I found very sick, and suffering acutely. I inquired if she knew about Jesus. With a very sweet smile she answered:—"JESUS! why He is my ALL!" So I read the Fourteenth of John, and we had a delightful conversation afterward. Subsequently I called at her little cabin several times. At length she began to recover, and when fully restored seemed to regard me as a superior being divinely sent to her relief in the hour of her trial.

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I found another sick woman on my first tour of exploration, who was very ignorant, but loved her Saviour dearly, and was not afraid of the King of Terrors. She took a great delight in listening to the scriptures. The last time I saw her she took both my hands in hers, and said "Please, honey, what is your name?" I told her, and she repeated it carefully once or twice, and then said quietly: "Farewell: when I go home to Heaven I will remember that name!"

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I could write pages of similar incidents. It seems to me I am "about my Father's business."

## A NEST EGG WORTH WHILE.

Below we reprint from that charming Sunday School paper, *The Well-Spring*, the story of the BIRD'S NEST BANK. We do so with something more than common interest, for three reasons:

First, because we happen to know all about this particular Bird's Nest, having snuggled in it among the precious little birdies themselves.

Second, because *three* of the teachers from the Sabbath School in whose boughs it swings are under commission from this office, laboring among the little black boys and girls in Central Arkansas.

And finally, because the other day they sent us 200 shares of their stock to invest in A, B, C books for the little blackbirdies, and we did it the same day, and packed them up, and gave them to Uncle Sam, who put them in his overcoat pocket and started for Arkansas without stopping to say good-bye.

And now we have just this moment a letter from Kalamazoo, saying: "On the 24th of September, 500 shares were taken!"

This is about as good as Mr. Chase's National Bank; a friend at one elbow says, "and 100 per cent. better."

We know of two or three thousand blackbirdies waiting to crow when their turns come. White-birdies, don't let them wait long!

## "Bird's Nest Bank."

MR. EULLARD:—Dear Sir,—The 1st Michigan Cavalry were in camp here last February. One Sabbath one of the soldiers belonging to it visited our "Bird's Nest." When the plate was passed around to gather up the weekly pennies, this soldier handed out a penny, saying:

"Here is a penny I found in the bottom of my pocket, and it won't grow there; now, I want to deposit it with the 'Bird's Nest,' and see if it will grow there."

I took the penny, holding it up before the children, repeating what he had said, then added, "Now we must see if we can put this into a soil where it will take root and grow."

I put the penny in my pocket, but had not dropped it from my hand, when "little Kitty," one of the wee birds, came up to me, saying—

"My ma says she will give you ten cents for that penny."

We were all a little surprised that it should take root so soon; we were glad, however, and felt in our heart we would do what we could to help it grow a "large tree," spreading its roots far and wide.

The next Sabbath two more added to its growth, soon another, then another. Finding it promised to be a very pleasant thing, and having this motto in our "Bird's Nest," "Live to be good, and to do good,"

we concluded (after talking the matter over) to put the thing into shape, select some good object which the growth of our penny should benefit, then we could act intelligently. The following was the result:

#### ORIGIN AND RULES OF THE "BIRD'S NEST" BANK.

Whereas, a soldier of the 1st Michigan Cavalry deposited with the "Bird's Nest," in February, 1864, a "penny," for growth, the following rules will be observed in carrying out this object:

I. This enterprise shall be called the "Bird's Nest" Bank.

II. Any individual becomes a stockholder in this Bank by paying *ten cents* to the teacher, and will receive a certificate for the same.

III. *Eight-tenths* of all moneys received from the sale of stock will be used for the education of "freedmen," and two-tenths for the benefit of the "Bird's Nest," under the direction of the teacher.

The children are in earnest in this matter. Over one hundred shares have already been taken. Three days ago I received a list of names, with the money, for *twenty* shares, from some little friends of mine living near "Ann Arbor." They had heard about the bank, and in a *very short* time sold that number, and said they "should send more soon."

One very pleasant feature in their list was, the name of a grandfather and grandmother who had taken stock in the Bank.

Now, Mr. Bullard, I have thought that, among the "*great family of friends of the Well-Spring*," there might be some that would like to become stockholders, by taking one or more shares; if so, they can send their names, with the money, and a postage stamp, to "Bird's Nest" Bank, Kalamazoo, Michigan." The certificate will be sent in return.

Kalamazoo, Mich.

A. M.

P. S.—Our "Bird's Nest" is growing in numbers. Last Sabbath there were over one hundred present. Within the past six months several of the "Birdies" have had "angel plumage" given them, and they have taken their upward flight to heaven; among them was "Etta," a *sweet, loving Christian*, little girl.

A. M.

#### TIMELY RELIEF.

FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL, HOME FARM,  
CONCORDIA PARISH, LA., Sept. 10, 1864. }

REV. J. R. SHEPHERD,

Cor. Sec. N. W. F. A. C. :

*My Dear Brother*,—I have felt for some weeks as if I wanted a quiet opportunity to thank you, and through you the donor of the goods sent me by the hand of Mr. Snitterlin. But it has been impossible hitherto. We were for weeks really without our lines, though we had pickets of the 4th Illinois Cavalry at our fence and lying in our gallery. To an unpracticed eye this looks like protection, but in reality it was no protection. For if driven in, as they twice were,—once in the open day—and again the succeeding night, they were off as fast as their horses could carry them. In the day-

light, all fled, but shortly returned: during the night raid we had the satisfaction of understanding what it is to be between two fires. For the rebels actually drove our pickets a mile below us; we in the meantime hiding and sweltering in the dank damp weeds, where the mosquitoes were so thick and ravenous that I rose at last and went towards the house, feeling that capture by rebels might be a paradise beside the torture of mosquitoes. Thus for weeks we slept with our clothes on, ready to rise and run at an instant's warning; black woolen clothes too at that, for any light colored garment would be a fatal target in the night. All this time we had the most sweltering weather, and I was two long miles from my small-pox hospital, which must be daily visited.

The day the first load of goods drove up to our front door, I could have wished the donors and you their almoner "there to see." Such a shout went up as would have done your hearts good. The boys and girls in tatters—many of them all but nude—seized the ponderous boxes and toted them into the house on a run. It was no small labor merely to open the boxes and partially assort the goods; but that was an easy task compared with the distribution. Lest one should get a Benjamin's portion, I registered each applicant's name, and carefully apportioned the whole invoice among the crowd. The women got each a "coat" (dress) or some under garments; the boys a jacket, a pair of trousers, or a shirt and vest: not one man or woman a complete suit, except a poor colored minister whose worthiness I thoroughly knew, having presided at the council which examined and ordained him.

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Hundreds came from the Red River in the spring and early summer utterly destitute of everything. Nothing would do me more good, my dear brother, than to see you here before the fall is full upon us, that you might see for yourself the hundreds who have still scarcely a rag to cover them.

Several of the boxes were very valuable; others filled with goods much worn. We found about twenty pairs of good boots and shoes, and 85 good women's dresses. I could not keep back tears of joy as we took out package after package of good clothing so sorely needed. May a good God, whose tender

mercies are over all the works of his hands, bless these donors and so strengthen their hearts that they may not be weary in well doing. I only wish I were able to distribute as much more before the raw weather sets in; or, better still, that you would send some one to do it for me.

God bless you in your noble work, dear brother. Very truly yours,

WM. MCCARTHY,  
A. A. Surgeon U. S. A.

# SAMPLE BRICKS.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 7th, 1864.

DEAR MR. SHIPHERD:—I send you a few pebbles from the banks of this muddy Mississippi.

One of our pupils is a preacher, and not long ago he gave us a sermon from the words "As Moses was lifted up in the wilderness, even so shall we also be lifted up!"

To be sure, tradition had not given him the scripture statement, but he set wiser preachers an example of sticking to the text as he read it. He reasoned logically that as Moses after encountering many tribulations was exalted to the leadership of the Jewish people and honored with the friendship of the Almighty, so they as a people, now that their cruel bondage was passed, would be lifted up and honored. At the close of the sermon he gave out the hymn containing the words

"The wise, the high, the reverend head  
Shall lie as low as ours,"

changing "reverend" to "rebel," and so fitting the hymn to the sermon. This man is but just learning to read; but he preaches to us with a real eloquence that would do credit to D. D's. I wot of.

The Freedmen are peculiarly a religious people. Some of them will sit for a quarter of an hour after their lessons are finished, discoursing on the christian life, and never seeming to weary of the subject. Said one of them: "I've been tryin' for five years, Missus, to maintain to de life dat is comin'. Dat's de end I lives for. Bein' a soldier's a great sot-back; dere's so much wickedness yere, but my Lor's promised to be with me in the Sixth, and in the Seventh he won't leave me."

"And what will you be, Henry, when the war is over?" I asked.

"Whatever de Lord wills, Missus. He tells me to do His work."

"A minister, perhaps."

"Oh I be dat now," he replied quickly.

"My Lord telled me when he called me from sin to go preach His gospel, and I'se goin' to do dat always."

He is self taught, has reached the second reader, and studies untiringly. It is wonderful how rapidly he gets on almost without help.

One morning, in opening school, after trying two or three hymns which proved to be new to them, I asked Henry to lead with one that was familiar. In a way peculiar to their habits, he lined off a hymn, and at its close, of his own accord, led in prayer—a prayer short and sincere, and in which he did not forget an earnest petition for his teacher. It touched my heart and strengthened me for my work as few prayers could have done.

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Very truly,

MARY B. SLEIGHT.

# BLESS THE GIRLS!

One of our best auxiliaries is that at Ottawa, Ill., where they work like bees, week in and week out; and not only gather clothing partly worn, but get money, buy goods and make them into stout new garments.

In the Society proper, the younger and elder ladies work together; and now they have risen to the dignity of a parent Society having an *auxiliary* of their own! For the SCHOOL GIRLS would not be left out, and have organized a Society of their own, and to-day comes their first box. Bless the Girls!

And have no fear, girls, lest the benediction may avail you little. The angel writes, and his Master reads, and your own hearts respond, whether the world knows much of you or only little. Remember Him who did good for the love of doing good, and you shall not fail of your reward.

And now with the BIRD'S NEST BANK and the SCHOOL GIRLS' AUXILIARY we are ready for business.

Are all the clever School Girls in Ottawa? Eh?

The Ottawa Girls will have a booth at the Great Fair, and the Birdies Bank will discount "gilt-edged"—but there will be room for a few others.

# The Freedmen's Bulletin.

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Any accredited agent of the Northwestern Freedmen's Aid Commission is authorized to receive subscriptions and receipt for moneys in the publisher's name.

Officers of recognized auxiliaries are requested to interest themselves in extending our circulation. All lists of names, however, must be accompanied by the money.

EDITORS who may receive this paper occasionally or regularly, are respectfully requested to notice the Commission and its work, and to reprint extracts from our correspondence in the field.

We shall be glad to exchange regularly with any paper that does this.

Exchanges must be addressed "FREEDMEN'S BULLETIN, Box 4617, Chicago, Ill."

## THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

The Pilgrim Fathers were wont to give solemn thanks at the close of each year for the mercies that had distinguished it. So goodly a custom commended itself to their descendants, and gradually won the regard of nearly all the Free States. Mr. Lincoln has distinguished his administration by making the custom national. Again with the falling shadows of another year comes the reminder.

By the President of the United States of America:

### A PROCLAMATION.

It has pleased Almighty God to prolong our national life another year, defending us with His guardian care against unfriendly designs from abroad, and vouchsafing to us in His mercy many and signal victories over the enemy, who is of our own household. It has also pleased our Heavenly Father to favor as well our citizens in their homes as our soldiers in their camps, and our sailors on the rivers and seas, with unusual health. He has largely augmented our free population by emancipation and by our immigration, while He has opened to us new sources of wealth, and has crowned the labor of our working men in every department of industry with abundant reward. Moreover, He has been pleased to animate and inspire our minds and hearts with fortitude, courage and resolution sufficient for the great trial of civil war into which we have been brought by our adherence as a nation to the cause of

freedom and humanity, and to afford to us reasonable hopes of an ultimate and happy deliverance from all our dangers and afflictions.

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, the beneficent creator and ruler of the universe; and I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid, that, on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust, and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union and harmony throughout the land, which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and our posterity throughout all generations.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1864, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President,

WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

All the Northwestern Churches will observe this solemn day. And in each of them a free-will offering will be made to attest the sincerity of their words and acts of devotion.

Could this offering be better applied than to the relief of the NATIONAL FREEDMEN, on account of whose liberation we hope for pardon and peace? 200,000 of them now fight the national battles, leaving their utterly helpless wives and little ones to God and the nation. Would it not be well-pleasing in His sight to remember at this time these least of His little ones?

## THE TREASURY AGAIN.

In our last issue Mr. Conrad was announced as Treasurer elect.

A few days before he was to assume office his business affairs became deranged, and of course he declined to involve the Commission, or to seem to do so.

During the present unsettled condition of monetary affairs, and especially in view of the recent failure of one of the most esteemed banking institutions in this city, the Commission hesitate to place their funds in the hands of a business man with whose private resources they would at once be associated, and, in case of disaster, lost. They have, therefore, instructed the Secretary to act as Treasurer until monetary affairs assume a calmer aspect; believing that he can, with the advice of the



Finance Committee, make arrangements for the deposit of the money with perfectly trustworthy parties.

Remittances may therefore be addressed to REV. J. R. SHIPHERD, 86 Washington street, Chicago. Drafts payable to his order may be sent by mail. Currency is safer by express.

#### OUR ADVERTISERS.

HORTON & LEONARD, whose card appeared last month, do Job Printing as neatly as any house in this city—much more neatly than the average. They are more than usually attentive to the tastes of their customers also, and will please even the fastidious.

H. B. HILL, agent for Shelton & Tuttle's Eastern Carriages, has a stock in his line good for sore eyes. Every elegant style of carriage and sleigh is represented in his capacious show room. He is a man of straightforward integrity, whose word is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

EDW. MENDELL is the best lithographer in the Northwest—as those who are “posted” know. He has furnished us our Certificate of Life Electorship, which has been very much admired. Nor does it offend his customers that he not only does his work better, but does it for less money than his competitors.

KIDDER, HOVEY & Co., whose house is the western branch of the well known house of Cutter, Tower & Co., of Boston and New York, offer a large stock of Stationery at fair figures. We have less personal knowledge of these gentlemen than of some others, but all that we know of them is strongly in their favor, and it will certainly be safe to give them a fair trial.

JAMES BARNET—the printer of this paper, does business on the square and at reasonable prices. His best commendation is the neat and tasteful appearance of the sheet upon which we send this forth. He is publishing vol. 1 of the “Martyrs and Heroes of Illinois”—a very timely tribute to the men to whose valor and to whose blood we owe our present security and our hope for the future.

G. P. RANDALL is the pride of tasteful builders. The finest school-houses in the Northwest grew from his pencil. And as with school-houses, so with business blocks, private residences, and noble churches. A rarely privileged man: he dots the prairie and bestuds the town with monuments of his

memory which will tell his name to the third and fourth generations.

In certain departments of architecture he is said by critics to be almost without a rival. In all he is the peer of his profession.

N. WHITMAN & Co. rejoice the Juveniles. Two spacious show rooms are crowded with samples only of inconceivable stocks of Toys aching in Eastern warehouses for disenthralment and acquaintance with the little folks. For what appreciative observer will maintain that when a girl and her peripatetic doll-baby play together, or a boy and his steam-engine romp together, the doll-baby and the engine do not enjoy the fun as hugely as their comrades?

Then there are ever so many other things (enumerated in the advertisement) ornamental, useful and acceptable, which somebody will expect somebody to remember when the year goes out.

Mr. WHITMAN is to furnish the GREAT FAIR with several thousand dollars worth of his goods, the entire profits upon the sale of which will go into the Treasury of the FAIR. The generosity of his proposal, and the self-denying faithfulness with which it will be executed, entitle him to the gratitude of all friends of the Freedmen. Order all your Christmas Gifts from the FAIR; after Christmas, buy of WHITMAN.

#### FROM A COMPETENT WITNESS.

Miss Maggie A. Smith, taught awhile at Vicksburg, and was compelled to return north to recruit her health.

But her pupils had no mind to be abandoned, and have for months besieged her with letters of their own writing, entreating her return. From several “in the original” lying before us, we select the following as fairly representative of the whole, and as the evidence of a competent witness upon the question now in hearing: *Does it pay to send teachers to the Freedmen?*

We give the text without alteration.

Miss maggi. A. Smith you will pleas bring your Sister with yow we have mooney a naugh for yow and her both and Sloobars for yow and her we are bilding Baracades on Chery street two squares from the jail onn the left in a hannsone place beautify Shaded and we will have a haus Sutable for yow and your

Sister if She will come with yow and a bove all things do not fail to bring your Self when you get this note give my Respects to your parance I hope to be better er quainted with them if we should live to meet a gane Now I shal cloze my letter by Saying Send your Sister and dont forget to bring your Self Miss Maggi A Smith

I Remain your Schollar

WILLIAM. LEE. MCGINNIS  
Co. B 48th Regt.

Miss Maggie I. am not well I have been very sick with Fever and I am unable to write So I. got my Friend Ordle Sergt Wm Lee Mc Ginnis in my Co to write you may Come Just as Sune as you Can we have Mooney Anuft to Spare Just as long as you will Stay with us I still remane your Scholar

RICHARD F GRIGGS.

Camp 48th U. S. Col'd Inftry Sept 9th 1864.

VICKS BURG MISSISSIPPI

Dear Teacher your kind note came to hand this morning and your Schollars were glad to hear from yow and thur nevr ware a letter met with that give aney one so much tiden of Joy as to hear your letter Red and yow may Just depend onn what I Say to yow Miss maggi A. Smith yow have friends a nough in the 48 that will give yow a life time Serport less more a year Serport all we want is yow to come to us we will Carey yow throw this ware and yow Shall be made Comfortable the Balance of your life if yow wish to make this your Home we know that the Copper heads have be comd biterly a ginst yow and for this reason we want yow to Come to us. Mr Griggs have benn unwell but when he heard from yow his fever left him Miss Maggi A. Smith yow will pleas tell the Copper heads for me that I Say the fall of the year has made its er pearance in the South and the leaves are falling and we will commence thrashing green Backs for yow tell them tha need not put ther Selves to any troble for when we are don fting for uncle Sam we will lend them a hand if tha wish it this is from a Camp mate of Mr Griggs I expect Miss Smith yow have forgotten me as I did not come to Schoold much ee cuis my Bad Spelling I hope this may find you in Joying your Self yours

WILLIAM LEE MC GINNIS.

Be not vain of your want of vanity.

## THE ORPHAN HOUSE AT NATCHEZ.

Miss Fitch writes, Sept. 30th:

Our new matron came yesterday, and some of the clouds lifted, as she told us of helpers coming, and abundance of clothing for our naked children, and cots and bed clothing.

This institution will indeed be the glory of the Commission, when once fully in operation. We have a noble building, twenty acres of land, and a partial supply of furniture, provided to our hand by the departing rebel owner. We have begun operations, and already feel under weigh. For the work done thus far, too much credit cannot be given to our Superintendent of Schools, Miss Gest, who has planned and labored day and night, in season and out of season, and diligently enough at any rate to awaken the bitterest hatred of the rebel residents, who have even sought her life.

We have been obliged to do all our work with our own hands, because we dare not employ a colored woman. The rebels sent colored women to hire out to us for the purpose of learning our plans and stealing our goods, and perhaps seeking our lives.

Three weeks ago Miss Gest came out to this house alone and went to work. I followed her at evening, and we tenanted the great building alone, although so closely watched that the authorities would not allow us to occupy the premises without an armed sentry at the door. We two worked alone some days. Then Miss Gest left me for a week.

The day after her return, came the first instalment of our children—forty-three—filthy as you can imagine. Our stores had not yet come, so we could only clean them and shear them, and that they might not be polluted by their old rags again, put them to bed naked on the basement floor, with a blanket over each. We now have thirty-two clean children, waiting for clothes.

Miss Gest writes, October 18th:

Our work here is now in successful operation. Our Orphan Asylum is open. Heathen from foreign lands could not be more disagreeable and incomprehensible than are these boys and girls as we find them. Filthy in their habits, displeasing in their personal appearance, scarce speaking the English language, they do not attract persons accustomed to thrift



and cleanliness. "How you can so love these niggers is a mystery to me," exclaimed a secesh lady to me the other day.

"I haven't seen any around here," was my reply.

"Why! there's my Joe now, my Joe," replied the lady.

"Well, madam," said I, "Joe may be in that lump of dirt, but I can't see him!"

So with these children; we have excavated them. The next process will be to cleanse, civilize and humanize them.

There are now in the Asylum fifty children, of all ages, sizes and complexions—all obedient, studious and industrious. One of these is good looking; one has a "mammy" among the "rebs;" one had a "mammy" and "daddy" murdered by the "rebs;" and so they go. One I found had a husband!

"You're a funny orphan," I said. I imagined she blushed while she answered, "But I've no mammy and daddy!"

"But," said I, "you're done gone up for an orphan; you can't stay here." Yet stay she did, as an hired servant, and now we are very glad we kept her. The husband calls sometimes—as an especial favor.

Among our orphans are three little French children with whom I delight to chat. They tell me long stories I don't understand, and I am more interested in their French lessons than in Fausquelle's.

I requested our judicious matron, in case any more of our orphans desire to enter the matrimonial list, to have *both parties present* during the ceremony. The matron didn't understand me. So I explained that when I was in Vicksburg, an old man came to church to be married, and "hoped de minister would 'scuse Sukie as she was washin' dat day and couldn't be present 'veniently!"

The building we occupy as an asylum is large, convenient and airy, situated where the *dale* of Natchez rolling past in their open carriages may have full view of the inmates.

On all sides we have the most delightful scenery;—hill and dale—palace and cot—embowered in trees; and in the far distance a large white cross marks the spot, where Federal and Confederate sleep "the sleep that knows no waking." Sometimes, at evening, I sit in the observatory of the building granted to the children of the long-oppressed, and

looking far away over this southland, ask myself *if this is earth*.

Here I find people bound who once were free; and free who once were bound; and I myself in my walk and conversation circumscribed. Who binds the arm, or pen, or tongue of one born free? Who frees the slave?

I have as true a love and as deep a reverence for the great and good man who sits in our chair of State as the most loyal need cherish, but when I think of the wide range of the interests of these great peoples, white and black, who inhabit this broad land, and leave their ineffaceable impress on its unwritten and unwritable history, it seems to me that Abraham Lincoln is not The Power.

He is the *fulcrum*, no doubt, on which the great lever of events turns; but the hand that moves the lever is—God's.

#### BEFORE AND AFTER SIEGE.

Miss Parrey, our brave representative at Rolla, Mo., wrote under date of Sept. 15th:

My school numbers 56, with an average of 45. About 15 are very irregular, being detained by their work; but the remainder are constant in their attendance and quite punctual, although they did not know the meaning of "*tardy*" when I came here. The building in which I am teaching is comfortable for this season, but will not be for winter. I do not know what arrangements will be made, but the school *must* go on. We have tolerable seats for our room, but no desks—so all our writing is on slates.

I have all shades in school, from black to white, but no more stupid ones than I have always had among the same number of white children. They are all interesting, and are anxious to learn,—some are exceedingly shrewd. A few days ago a little white girl tauntingly asked a black girl to whom she belonged. The answer I thought not so bad: "I belong to no one but to Jesus Christ; the same one you belong to."

We have not been at all disturbed in our school, though I often have occasion to pity poor human nature! A *refugee*, scarcely able to read her own name, obstinately refused to have me for her teacher in Sabbath school, because I taught in the contraband school!

About this time Mr. Price and his men got hungry in Arkansas, and started toward Mis-

souri on a visit. Not being well received, they lost temper, and went to breaking things. They broke the railroad between St. Louis and Rolla, and swarmed about Rolla like starving wolves. We did not care to imagine what they would do with a Yankee school-ma'am teaching niggers in a slave state, if they should take her with the city. But they did not take the city, but went to visit Kansas cousins; whereupon the railroad was mended and, Miss Parrey writes again under date of October 17th:

I hope you have not put my name upon your delinquent list, for my monthly report would have reached you promptly if Price had but waited his visit a week.

My school was progressing finely until the last week of the month, when the older boys were called out to work on the fort, and the children outside the pickets were not allowed to come in. On the first of October my school room was taken for a hospital. I spent most of the next week visiting the colored people and administering to their wants as far as possible, and at last secured another building for our school, more commodious than the other, but it is unfinished, and will be cold for the winter. \* \* \*

The colored people pay the rent and have bought a stove. They are ambitious to do all they can for themselves, and last Sabbath those who were present at Sabbath school subscribed nearly twenty dollars a month; still we shall need help from the Commission.

#### WANTING ONLY A START.

Rev. James Peet, Chaplain 50th U. S. C. I., writes from Vicksburg to the *Northern Christian Advocate*:

Some weeks since, I sent you an account of the Fourth of July celebration that I attended at the house of the traitor Jeff. Davis, at Davis Bend, on the Mississippi river, some thirty miles below Vicksburg. The experiment now being tried there, is showing what the blacks can do when they have opportunity. There are perhaps seventy-five persons working land on their own account. They are cultivating about 1200 acres of cotton, besides as much more in other crops. They will make on an average, from \$2000 to \$5000 each. Some negroes, who, three years ago, were *slaves*, will this year clear from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The trial of their capacity and readiness to work, as planned by Col. Eaton, the general superintendent of Freedmen, is a success. There is said to be scarcely a failure among the seventy-

five lessees. Jeff. Davis' plantation is covered with these negro farms, which, keep in mind, are worked by *old men, women and children*; the young and able-bodied men being in the ranks of the Union army, carrying one of Uncle Sam's muskets, and have merited the praise officially given them in the complimentary circular quoted at the beginning of this article. Thus, here on the very plantation where the rebellion was hatched, the black man is solving the great problem that has so vexed politicians. Do the people at the North "still wonder what shall be done with the blacks?" The editor of the Vicksburg *Herald* suggests that "there is *one* good use to which they can be put, viz: to instruct those who know no better than to ask such a question now."

#### OUR IOWA FRIENDS' BRANCH.

The yearly meeting of the Society of Friends in Iowa, recently held at Oskaloosa, appointed an Executive Committee of thirteen, and placed in its hands several thousand dollars to be expended for the relief of the Freed People. It is expected that the amount already received will be largely increased during the year, and a very laudable desire is felt by prominent members of the Society to share personally in the operations to be sustained by these generous contributions. There was a natural disposition to control the enterprise within the Society, and at the same time, a christian disposition to work harmoniously with organizations already in the field. After a full discussion, and some correspondence and consultation with the N. W. F. A. C., terms were agreed upon by which the Committee becomes the IOWA FRIENDS' BRANCH of the Northwestern Commission. These terms secure to the Committee the entire control of the funds and stores contributed through it, and secure to the Commission an accession of resources and co-laborers that will be cordially appreciated.

The Northwestern Commission was organized with the most catholic basis, and strictly geographical views. If any denomination of Christians, or any body of citizens, in the Northwestern States or Territories, desires to act as an unit for the Freed People, there is no substantial reason for their acting apart from the Northwestern.

Friends in Iowa who prefer to act with the Branch Committee, may communicate with the Secretary, Cyrus Bede, Oskaloosa. Others may communicate with this office directly as heretofore.

OUR TABLE.

1. The *Coldwater Union Sentinel*: an anti-Abolitionist, pro-McClellan sheet, steadily exchanging with the FREEDMEN'S BULLETIN. Right.

2. The *Old Guard*, edited by C. C. Burr. Gone daft with negro on the—skull.

3. The *Freedmen's Advocate*, for October. Good reading. But prone to print N. F. R. A. in overshadowing capitals.

4. EXTRACTS from letters of Teachers and Superintendents of the NEW ENGLAND FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY. Fourth Series. Fifth Series. Good.

5. The *People's Journal of Health*, by Justin Hayes, M. D., and C. R. Blackall, M. D., Chicago. The best thing of the sort in the West, edited by two live doctors who are as willing that others should live as desirous to live themselves! Fast.

6. BRIEF REPORT of the Services Rendered by the Freed People to the United States Army in North Carolina, in the Spring of 1862, after the Battle of Newbern: By Vincent Colyer, Supt. of the Poor under Major General Burnside. New York, Vincent Colyer, 105 Bleeker st. A brilliant collection of stubborn, representative facts, worthy the reading and pondering of every good citizen.

7. REPORT on the Condition of the Freedmen in the Department of the Gulf, to Major General N. P. Banks, Commanding: By Chaplain T. W. Conway, U. S. A., Supt. Bureau of Free Labor. Enough criticism of the administration of Gen. Banks as affecting the Freed People has been indulged, to make every document of this sort of interest.

8. THE RED SEA FREEDMEN. By Alexander Clark, Junior Pastor of the Church of the New Testament, Philadelphia. A familiar discourse of considerable merit, not bearing upon the condition of the National Freedmen, as might be expected, but confined to the spiritual significance of the Jewish exodus.

9. Clark's *School Visitor*, June, July, August. J. W. Daughaday, Publisher and Proprietor, Philadelphia. A charming Juvenile, which we hope to see regularly. The September, October and November numbers must be printed: don't forget us, Brother Clark!

10. THE MISTAKES AND FAILURES of the Temperance Reformation. The Occasional Pamphlet. New York: Mason Brothers. A bold, keen criticism, worthy of careful read-

ing and candid review. Its main point well made, yet leaning too strongly one way at times.

11. The *American Missionary*. New York: American Missionary Association, 61 John st. The well filled, well edited, well printed organ of the Pioneer of Freedmen's Commissions. Honor to whom honor is due.

12. REPORT of the Indiana Yearly Meeting's Executive Committee for the Relief of Colored Freedmen. Richmond, Indiana, 1864. It is no small comfort to us that the Quakers hold Richmond!—one Richmond: and we confidently believe that if they would only march on the other, they would soon hold that too. For what the Quakers begin, they finish. In the sixty pages of this neat pamphlet, the Committee modestly tell of a year's faithful labor and its cheering results. The aggregates of collections are in cash upwards of \$20,000, and in stores 250 packages. One of their laborers, Elkanah Beard, has achieved an extraordinary success.

13. REPORT of the Board of Managers of the Indiana Freedmen's Aid Commission, to the First Annual Meeting held at Indianapolis, Sept. 7th, 1864.

The aggregates of collections are:

Cash,	-	-	-	\$9,567	29
Stores, valued at	-			12,649	21
Total,	-	-		\$22,216	50

which, for a small portion of a single prairie State, is not bad. Eleven teachers have been employed, and an excellent work done.

14. SIX MONTHS Missionary Labor among the Freedmen in and around Memphis, Tennessee. Chicago: Church, Goodman & Cushing. 1864. Mr. Hoile and his co-laborers—Dr. E. C. Branch and Rev. S. B. Silliman—achieved some brilliant successes at Memphis, and it is much to be regretted that their enterprise was interrupted. Mr. Hoile is still at Memphis. Dr. Branch has entered the employ of the N. W. F. A. C., and will in due course be “heard from.”

LOST.

At the Iowa yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, a pledge for \$20 was given to Mr. Cobb, and the money was subsequently handed to Dr. Jessup. The name of the subscriber has been lost. If this should meet his eye, he is requested to send his full address to this office, that his certificate of Life Electorship may be registered and forwarded.

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**CASH RECEIPTS DURING SEPTEMBER  
AND OCTOBER.**

Correction.—In the last BULLETIN, \$77 25 was credited to "DeKalb co." It should have been credited, "Kingston, DeKalb co., Fast Day Coll. in M. E. ch., by Rev. Geo. H. Hill, \$77 25.

**Illinois.**

Augusta, Pres. ch. by David Pierson.....	\$10 10
Altona.....	26 30
Bluffville, Bap. ch.....	13 60
" M. E. ch.....	18 65
" Monroe Bailey.....	5 00
" Joshua Bailey.....	5 00
" Sundry persons.....	9 65
Blue Island, Rev. L. Foester.....	5 00
Bigfoot.....	6 00
Cedarville, Union meeting.....	28 05
" Daniel Kryder.....	5 00
" Mr. and Mrs. Bell.....	3 00
" Cash.....	2 00
" By M. F. Havernal.....	0 60
Chicago, 1st Cong ch. in addition to \$296 previously acknowledged.....	80 00
" Jefferson st. M. E. ch. in addition to \$55 35 previously acknowledged.....	2 00
" Plymouth ch.....	174 50
" Union Park Cong. ch.....	424 00
" Scotch Pres. ch.....	29 00
" J. V. Farwell.....	100 00
" Cash.....	39 75
" C. B. Bouton.....	5 00
" E. T. Cushing.....	5 00
" 1st Bap. ch.....	43 00
" Calvary Pres. ch.....	101 05

Chicago, Col. C. G. Hammond.....	\$25 00
" L. C. Lawton.....	10 00
" Abiel Akin.....	20 00
" John Van Osdell.....	25 00
" Hyde Park Pres. ch.....	33 35
" Salem Cong. ch.....	62 46
" North Pres. ch., O. S.....	60 71
" Olivet Pres. ch.....	169 00
" Colored School, 4th ave.....	17 10
" Cash.....	18 11
Cass.....	2 79
" James Wright.....	2 00
Dowder's Grove.....	13 70
Danville.....	264 00
Durand, N. S. Pres. ch.....	32 65
Davis, M. E. ch.....	20 29
" Evang. ch.....	9 25
" Dr. J. A. Benneman.....	5 00
" Sundry persons.....	11 50
Dacotah.....	8 90
" Alex. Templeton.....	5 00
" Dr. J. V. Erving.....	1 00
" John Brown.....	5 00
" Samuel Templeton.....	2 00
" Samuel Lapp.....	1 00
" Benj. Brubacker.....	1 00
" Cash.....	1 75
" R. D. Rank.....	0 75
" Mr. Smith.....	1 00
" Mr. Malroy.....	1 00
" John Gibley.....	2 50
Elgin, Cong. ch.....	35 35
Geneseo.....	304 85
Georgetown.....	24 75
Galesburg.....	682 55
Henry.....	4 00
Joliet.....	258 63
Knoxville.....	139 57
Lewiston, Friends, by Rev. G. Wood.....	100 00
LaSalle, by Rev. H. Durham.....	12 50
Monmouth, an old Lady by M. G. S.....	1 00
Moline, M. E. ch.....	62 90
" Private contributions.....	80 55
Marengo, by Miss H. A. Kimball.....	1 25
Malden, Mrs. Charles Wheeler.....	2 00
New Milford, M. E. ch.....	9 15
" N. M. ch.....	4 95
" Sundry persons.....	3 40
Norton, by M. A. Newcomb.....	5 00
Ontario.....	97 00
Oneida.....	25 50
Plainfield.....	30 20
" A. A. Smith.....	0 50
" F. A. Society.....	5 00
Pecatonica, Cong. ch.....	20 11
" M. E. ch.....	16 86
" By Rev. John Morrill.....	22 15
Princeville, Pres. ch., by J. E. Leery, Treas.....	25 00
Quincy, C. B.....	4 00
Rock River, Evan. ch., by Rev. D. Kraehnke.....	18 00
" M. E. ch.....	24 00
" F. Eggart.....	3 00
" Sundry persons.....	8 71
Rockton, Cong. ch.....	76 85
" M. E. ch.....	8 15
" Grove meeting.....	2 35
" Bap. ch.....	6 20
" Rufus Baker.....	5 00

Rockton, sundry persons.....	\$20 50
Ridge Farm.....	32 80
Rock Island, M. E. ch.....	44 70
"    Bap. ch.....	12 10
"    John Harper.....	5 00
"    C. A. McLaughlin.....	5 00
"    Wm. L. Lee.....	5 00
"    Dévoe & Crampton.....	9 00
"    Sundry persons.....	7 00
Seward, Dist. No. 1.....	5 65
"    Sundry persons.....	7 50
"    Cong. ch.....	00 00
"    Westfield M. E. ch.....	9 40
Savanna, Sundry persons.....	5 00
Shirland, Mite Society.....	11 00
Spring Creek, Evang. ch.....	5 00
"    Cash.....	2 25
Sunbeam, Mrs. M. E. Hale.....	3 00
Tremont, in addition to \$120 45 previously acknowledged.....	10 00
Viola, cash.....	10 00
Winnebago, M. E. ch.....	33 30
"    O. L. Holcomb.....	10 80
Wataga.....	51 40

**Iowa.**

Amity.....	9 65
Anamosa.....	30 25
Bangor, F. Aid Society.....	49 85
Bethel.....	31 80
Bedford.....	11 10
Bloomfield.....	10 80
Corydon.....	2 60
Chas. Bacon.....	1 00
Centerville.....	15 35
Council Bluffs.....	21 15
Des Moines.....	9 10
Elk River, Cong. ch.....	3 25
Frankford.....	2 50
Glenwood.....	2 75
Harden Grove.....	7 16
Hawleysville.....	7 00
Iowa City, U. Pres. ch.....	13 00
"    M. E. ".....	13 40
Iowa Friends' Branch.....	120 00
Leon.....	2 70
New Providence, F. Aid Society.....	47 80
Oskaloosa.....	82 00
"    F. Aid Society.....	12 65
Plattville.....	6 60
Rockford, Ep. ch.....	3 25
Salem, Isaac T. Gibson.....	20 00
Syracuse, sundry persons.....	5 50
Shellsburg.....	5 60
Sabula, Union meeting.....	2 00
Springfield.....	10 00
Springdale.....	63 60
Tipton.....	63 25
Tabor.....	40 00
"    Cong. ch.....	100 00
Vinton.....	22 25
West Branch.....	85 85
West Liberty.....	11 00
"    Sol. Aid Society.....	100 00
Wankon.....	8 65
Zetegathean Lyceum.....	8 05

**Wisconsin.**

Argyle, Union meeting.....	23 45
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Allen's Grove, Union meeting.....	\$15 00
Appleton, W. Cross.....	5 00
"    By Mrs. M. F. Page.....	1 00
Broadhead, M. E. ch.....	13 70
Baraboo.....	6 15
Cambria, Welsh ch.....	15 15
"    Pres. ".....	11 83
"    Cash.....	0 50
"    Jerusalem ch.....	3 15
"    Carmel ".....	13 13
Cash.....	1 50
".....	53 25
Delavan, Cong. ch.....	85 70
"    Union meeting.....	34 00
Delton.....	14 55
Emerald Grove, Russel Cheney.....	1 00
Evansville, Cong. ch.....	10 00
"    M. E. ".....	20 00
"    Rev. Geo. Chester.....	2 20
"    Union meeting.....	4 50
Fox Lake.....	8 00
"    Mary Bronson.....	0 60
Footville, T. Wilson.....	1 00
"    R. J. Nott.....	5 00
"    James Farmlee.....	5 00
"    Andrew Stephenson.....	5 00
"    Joseph Corey.....	5 00
"    G. C. Coohy.....	2 00
"    J. Bennis.....	2 00
Fond du Lac, T. S. Wright.....	10 00
Hartland and Pewaukee Cong. chs.....	7 35
Janesville, Cong. ch.....	24 40
"    S. S. ".....	3 85
"    Bap. ".....	29 06
"    M. E. ".....	65 61
"    Cash.....	2 00
Juda, sundry persons.....	5 05
"    Cash.....	7 02
Lacrosse.....	50 15
Mauston.....	1 70
Monroe, Cong. ch.....	16 10
"    M. E. ".....	33 00
"    Ger. Evang. ch.....	3 08
"    Sundries.....	5 50
Menasha, C. Northup.....	5 00
New Lisbon.....	5 90
Pardeville.....	7 90
Portage City.....	40 90
Rosendale, Daniel Clark.....	2 00
Sharon, M. E. ch.....	40 00
Sparta, Cong. S. S.....	4 63
"    ch.....	21 30
"    M. E. ".....	12 98
Waterville, by Haskell Wheelock.....	50 00

**Minnesota.**

Carimona.....	0 65
Farm Hill.....	10 80
Lake City, Cong. ch.....	41 00
"    "    S. school.....	4 97
"    Union meeting.....	5 95
Plainview, Rev. H. Willard.....	2 00
Preston.....	50 80
Wilton, little folks, by Miss M. E. P. Smith..	1 00

**Michigan.**

Detroit, Mich. Branch.....	340 00
Kalamazoo, "Bird's Nest,".....	20 00
"    F. A. Soc.....	5 00

Missouri.		MICHIGAN.	
Hamilton, Colored People.....	\$3 60	Detroit (Mich. Branch).....	14 packages.
" Prot. Ep. ch.....	14 70	Flint.....	2 "
" Union meeting.....	11 45	Greenville.....	1 "
" Sundry persons.....	9 50	Hillsdale.....	3 "
Rolla, Colored People.....	5 00	Kalamazoo.....	4 "
St. Joseph, ".....	8 90	Litchfield.....	1 "
St. Louis, John G. Copelin.....	750 00	Monroe.....	1 "
		Paw Paw.....	1 "
Kansas.		OHIO.	
Leavenworth, Colored People Bap. ch.....	6 70	Cedarville.....	1 "
" " " M. E. ".....	10 40	West Brownhelm.....	1 "
" M. E. ch.....	32 10		
" Cong. ".....	49 20	MINNESOTA.	
" Sundry persons.....	8 00	No name.....	1 "
Nebraska.		MASSACHUSETTS.	
Omaha City.....	79 00	Boston.....	1 "
Canada West.		No name.....	3 "
Hamilton, U. S. currency.....	54 00	WISCONSIN.	
" Coin.....	137 65	Berlin.....	1 "
Omitted in Report of August.		Beloit.....	1 "
Amherstburg, coin.....	2 50	Delavan.....	1 "
Ingersoll, ".....	32 55	Elk Grove.....	1 "
London, ".....	53 70	Elkhorn.....	1 "
Sarnia, ".....	9 90	Fairwater.....	2 "
" U. S. currency.....	8 30	Milwaukee.....	2 "
Woodstock, coin.....	29 00	Spring Prairie.....	1 "
Premium on specie.....	219 00	Union.....	1 "
		Vernon.....	2 "
Sundries.		Total.....	79 packages.
Cash items.....	2907 29		
By W. L. Wright.....	21 75		
" S. Adams.....	1 00		
" F. A. Noble.....	180 00		
" J. S. Beekman.....	6 00		
Total receipts.....	\$11,459 21		

JACOB R. SHIPHERD, Treasurer.

## RECEIPTS OF STORES DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

ILLINOIS.	
Batavia.....	1 package.
Chicago.....	5 "
Dover.....	3 "
Galena.....	3 "
Hebron.....	1 "
Lyndon.....	1 "
Lisbon.....	2 "
Lasalle.....	2 "
Monmouth.....	1 "
Oakland.....	1 "
Plainfield.....	1 "
Peru.....	1 "
Seward.....	1 "
Turner.....	1 "
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FOR BENEFIT OF THE

## North-Western Freedmen's Aid Commission.

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By one of those revolutions, which in the providence of Him who ruleth in the kingdoms of men, have from time to time taken place among the nations of the earth, the existing prejudices of many generations have been swept away, and an oppressed, downtrodden, and despised race, have emerged from the bondage and darkness of slavery, into the glorious light of Freedom.

During the progress of the present contest for civil liberty, a great advance has been made towards the redemption of the colored race, and their elevation in the scale of humanity. The minds of men have gradually been enlightened; and now the *right of the negro to be free*, is very generally acknowledged.

The mysterious workings of Providence may be traced to those causes which not only led to the Emancipation Proclamation, but also to the arming of those Freedmen, for the cause of the Union, as well as the defense of their own liberty. And it is a fact worthy of notice, that since that issue was taken, in nearly every battle in which our colored troops have been engaged, victory has crowned our arms, and it has been clearly manifested that "God ruleth in the armies of men."

The true relation existing between our white and colored soldiers is not fully comprehended by the majority of our people, nor understood as it should be. There are now in the field 200,000 colored troops, thereby exempting from draft an equal number of white citizens; thus many a husband, son, and brother are spared to their families and friends, from whom they might otherwise have been called to part.

In various ways these colored soldiers do the work that would fall upon their white comrades in arms; they fight beside them, they shed their blood, and lay down their lives, a sacrifice upon our country's common altar, and some of our greatest victories are associated with their valor—and who may say, that when this war shall be ended, and rebellion crushed throughout our land, they shall not stand as equals before the law of the white citizen, entitled to the privileges and suffrages which have hitherto been accorded only to him?

In view of such considerations, it is incumbent upon the American people that they awaken to a sense of the responsibilities that devolve upon them at this crisis, and rightly improve the circumstances thus brought about in God's providence. It remains with them to decide the question whether the slaves shall be freed, only to increase the already overflowing tide of ignorance and degradation in our country, which has ever prevailed to a great extent among the foreign immigrants to our shores, or whether they shall be educated, and become

enlightened members of society, fitted to provide for themselves and attain to positions of respectability in community.

The object of the "Freedmen's Aid Commission," is not only "to provide for the physical wants of the freed people, but also such as pertain to their social, their educational, and their moral welfare."

A vast amount of good has already been accomplished by this Commission since its organization. Thousands of the destitute and homeless, among this class of suffering people, have been fed, clothed, and sheltered: and Teachers have been sent to various points amongst them, the results of whose labors are already abundantly manifest, and seed has been scattered which shall yet spring up and yield a plenteous harvest. The Freed-people show themselves capable of self-improvement, evince great willingness and desire to learn, and "prove that they have the *capacity to be free*." Glorious accounts reach us from the army of the progress of religion and education among our colored troops, and the demand for school books amongst them is so great that appeals are constantly being made for increased supplies. The field of labor which opens before the Commission is a wide one. As the Freedmen are conscripted, their helpless families are left in many cases, in the most pitiable destitute condition, in portions of the country where there are none of the avenues of labor, or means of self-support open to them, which are presented to the needy poor at the north.

Though there are numerous societies throughout the country for the relief of the families of our white soldiers, the "Freedmen's Aid Commission" is the only organization which provides for the wives and children of our colored troops. Yet, often in our solicitations for contributions towards this object, do we meet the response, "We are doing all we can for the war and have nothing to give."

While the blood of our colored soldiers has been shed on almost every battle field from Louisiana to Virginia, and while they are rendering the most valuable services in the field with fidelity, heroism and courage, shall their helpless wives and orphans, their aged and decrepid parents, vainly implore us to succor them in their distress!

The numerous, and constantly increasing demands upon this Commission, and its inability to meet them, in its present limited financial condition, has led a number of ladies to organize themselves into a committee, for the purpose of making the necessary preliminary arrangements for a Fair, to be held at Bryan Hall, for the benefit of the "North-Western Freedmen's Aid Commission," opening Tuesday, December 20th, and closing on Saturday the 24th.

The Committee design to conduct the Fair on an entirely original and unique plan, distinctively different from any previously held in the country. The following programme has accordingly been adopted by them.

1st. That it shall be designated the "*North-Western Epicurean Fair*," the principal contributions solicited being all articles of consumption, from the coarsest productions of the soil to the daintiest dishes which can tempt the appetite, or gratify the taste of an epicure.

2d. That it shall be made a *Premium Fair*, Diplomas being awarded to those who contribute the best articles or productions of their respective kinds.

3d. It shall be an *Advertising Medium* for all dealers who shall send in contributions. The various articles shall be labelled with the name of each firm or dealer, and conspicuously placed, also published on the daily Bill of Fare.



It is intended to have a Dining Hall in connection with the Fair, where dinners will be served daily. Our Bill of Fare will comprise all the delicacies and luxuries which can be furnished at any first class hotel or restaurant in the city, and no pains will be spared by the Committee to meet the requirements of the most fastidious.

Another feature of the Fair is to be an *Horticultural Department*, to which contributions of Hot-house Plants, Boquets, Christmas Wreaths and Decorations and floral offerings of every description are earnestly solicited. Premiums will be given to those who donate the choicest varieties to this department.

Fancy and Ornamental Articles of all kinds are also desired, and Diplomas will be awarded for the finest specimens of Fancy Work.

Contributions of any and every kind will be gratefully received, and *monied donations* are also respectfully solicited to help defray the expenses which will accrue in the necessary arrangements for the Fair.

We hope that our sister States throughout the North-west will respond to our call, and aid us in our undertaking. To all the lovers of Freedom—all who hail with us the dawning of the day when every slave throughout the land shall be free; to the friends of the Freed-people in the North-west, we appeal to co-operate with us. Let none turn carelessly away, but each and all assist in the good work to the extent of their means and ability, remembering that "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

That there may be no misapprehension in regard to the contributions more particularly desired, and for the benefit of country friends, from whom we expect liberal donations, we append the following list of articles, classified according to the respective departments.

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Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Cream, Head Cheese, Sausages, Pickled Pigs' Feet, Sour Krout, Pickles of every variety.

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